

# Join Dr. Diane Chen & Dr. Deborah Watson Holy Land Study Tour

with Palmer Theological Seminary of Eastern University

December 27, 2022 - January 8, 2023



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### **HOST BIOS**



# Dr. Diane Chen

Dr. Diane Chen is Professor of New Testament at Palmer Theological Seminary of Eastern University, where she has been teaching since 2004. Diane loves the classroom and enjoys writing for the church, making biblical scholarship intellectually accessible and spiritually edifying to the laity. Her books include God as Father in Luke-Acts (2005), Let Me More of Their Beauty See: Reading Familiar Verses in Context (2011), and Luke: A New Covenant Commentary (2017). Diane is an ordained Ruling Elder at Narberth Presbyterian Church, Narberth, PA.

# Dr. Deborah Watson

Rev. Dr. Deborah Watson serves as Associate Pastor of Narberth Presbyterian Church in Narberth, PA, where she began as a seminary intern in 1993. Prior to her seminary study, she taught French and English as a Second Language to high school students in New Hampshire. She also spent time studying and working in Paris, France and on a kibbutz in Israel. Debbie has taught at Palmer Theological Seminary of Eastern University since 1995. She is currently the Seminary's Chaplain, and Affiliate Professor in New Testament, Greek, and Theological Research & Writing.

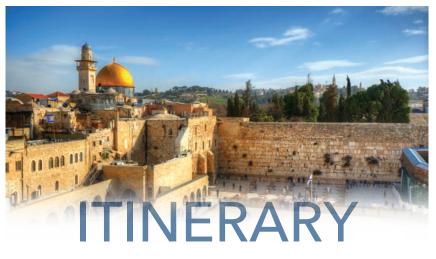
### YOUR INSTRUCTOR



# Dr. Monte Luker

**Monte Luker** is the Academic Dean of the Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies. He has lived, studied, and taught in the Holy Land for the past 30 years. In addition to the

Holy Land, his primary interests are in the literary and theological analysis of Scripture, and he has contributed numerous articles to Mercer Dictionary of the Bible, Anchor Bible Dictionary, New Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible, as well as scholarly and church-related journals. Dr. Luker's books include Doom and Hope in Micah; Passion, Vitality, and Foment: The Dynamics of Second Temple Judaism; and An Illustrated Guide to the Holy Land For Tour Groups, Students, and Pilgrims (see www.eotours.co/ monteluker). Dr. Luker has been Adjunct Professor of Bible at the Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies since 1995. He is a member of the Society of Biblical Literature, the American Schools of Oriental Research, the Biblical Archaeology Society, and the National Association of Professors of Hebrew.



### **December 27: Depart Philadelphia**

### **December 28: Arrive Tel Aviv**

Transfer to Netanya on the beautiful shore of the Mediterranean Sea for overnight. Walk the beach or go for a swim before you watch the stunning sunset.

# December 29: The Birth of the Gentile Church, The Life of the Holy Family in Nazareth

Visit Caesarea (Acts 10), Nazareth, the Basilica of the Annunciation (Mary's house), including a museum with ruins of the first-century village. Overnight in Tiberias on the shore of the Sea of Galilee.

### December 30: Jesus' Ministry around the Sea of Galilee

Take a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee. Travel to Ginosar and see a first-century fishing boat, Capernaum, and the Mount of Beatitudes. Visit Magdala with a guide. Have closing worship in Encounter Chapel. Overnight in Tiberias.

### **December 31: The Golan Heights**

Take a nature walk in Tel Dan, then see Caesarea Philippi (Peter's Confession, Matthew 16). Have lunch at the Druze village of Birkat Ram. Overlook the UN peace-keeping force at Kuneitra. Overnight in Tiberias.

### January 1: Baptism of Jesus

Affirm your Baptism at the Yardenit on the Jordan River. Travel to Samaria and have lunch in Sabaste with a view of Tel Dan. See Jacob's Well. Overnight in En Gedi on the shore of the Dead Sea.

### January 2: Free day

This is a day of rest on the peaceful shores of the Dead Sea in the Judean Wilderness. Visit the spa, float in the sea, and perhaps indulge in a massage. Overnight in En Gedi.

### **January 3: Zealots and Essenes**

Travel to Masada, the last stand of the Zealots. Visit Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered. Have lunch in Jericho and take a cable car to the Mount of Temptation. Overnight in Jerusalem.

### January 4: The Birth of Jesus

Visit Bethlehem and see the Church of the Nativity, built over the cave-barn where Jesus was born. Visit an olive wood factory, a major industry of the Palestinian Christians. See the Shepherds' Field and the Herodium. Have lunch at The Tent in Shepherds' Field. Overnight in Jerusalem.

### January 5: Ancient Jerusalem

Today we see the Temple Mount with Temple Mount excavations (Davidson Center) and the Western Wall. Lunch is on your own in the Jewish Quarter. Tour the City of David and Hezekiah's Tunnel. Overnight in Jerusalem.

### **January 6: The Passion of Christ**

Holy Sepulchre Church with Golgatha and the Tomb of Christ. See the Upper Room. Have lunch in the Armenian Quarter. Visit the Mount of Olives, Bethphage, Pater Noster, Dominus Flevit and the Garden of Gethsemane. Overnight in Jerusalem.

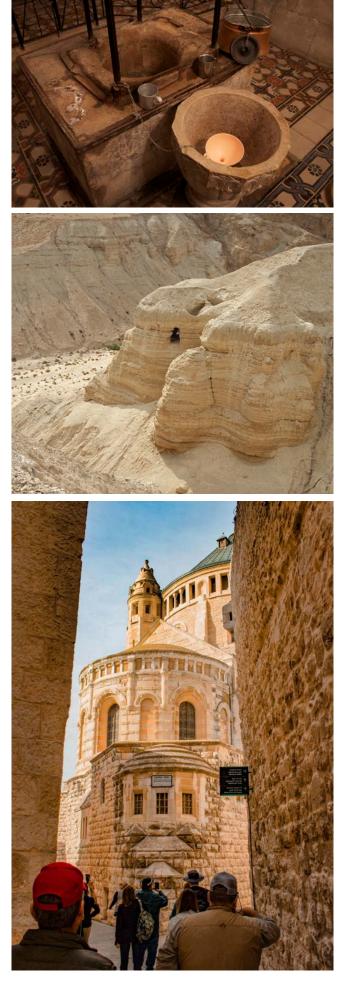
### **January 7: Taking It Home**

Take Communion Service at the Garden Tomb and explore the Israel Museum. Lunch is on your own. The rest of the day is free in Jerusalem.

### January 8: Depart Israel and arrive in Philadelphia







### **TRAVEL REGISTRATION FORM**

Mail to: JCBS • P.O. Box 6067, Lakeland, FL 33807-6067 1-888-431-7902 ext. 1+590 • email: jcbs@travelwithus.com

Host: Palmer Theological Seminary

Departure City: Philadelphia, PA

Do not use mail-in paper registration. To register online, contact Diane Chen at dchen@eastern.edu for a Pre-Registration form, Tour Code, and Host ID number



### Roommate(s): \_

If No Roommate: Try to Match Me Single Room (availability limited)

Important Information Regarding Travel Protection Plan:

Travel Protection coverage cannot be added after you have paid in full. Premium is based on TOTAL cost of trip and is non-refundable.

- Coverage begins when your premium payment is received by JCBS (separate from deposit & clearly designated as your travel protection premium). 3

□ I Accept □ I Decline 4 Premium must be paid in full no later than 09/13/22

DEPOSIT PER PERSON REQUIRED

Payment: \$\_\_\_\_\_ Check #\_\_\_\_\_ (Payable to Educational Opportunities Tours)

To Register via Credit Card, you must go to www.JCBS.org

### PASSENGER AGREEMENT

By signing and submitting the registration form, l/we certify that l/we have read Passenger Agreement, Program Conditions, and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure, understand its content, and agree to its terms including but not limited to the potential for price increases that may apply before payment in full has been received as set forth in the Program Conditions and Statements of Responsibility of the brochure and potential price increases after payment in full has been received due to government imposed taxes and fees

Guest 1 Signature:

### Guest 2 Signature:

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Guest 1:

□ I Accept □ I Decline

Guest 2:

Travel Protection Plan - Premium Rates								
For a full description of the plan, go to: www.tripmate.com/wpF427E								
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Schedule of Coverages Maximum Benefit			Additional Cancellation Protection When You purchase this Travel Protection Plan at or before the final payment due date for Your Trip, you also receive the Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies Pre-Departure Cancellation Waiver Benefit that allows you to cancel your Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies travel arrangements up to the day of departure for any reason (excludes no shows and those not permitted boarding). With this Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies Cancellation Waiver, your non- Center for Biblical Studies Cancellation Waiver, your non- center for Biblical Studies Cancellation Center for Biblical Studies are not eligible for this benefit, such as cruise and land programs listed and detailed on the Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies website (www.jcbs.org). Premiums must be paid in addition to initial or second deposit prior to the final payment for coverage to be in effect.					
Part A * Trip Cancellation								
Part B         Trip Interruption         Trip Cost           Missed Connection        \$500           Travel Delay (Up to 10 days & up to \$2000 Per Day)        \$2,000           Medical Expense / Emergency Evacuation         Accident and Sickness Medical Expense.         \$25,000           Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation         \$50,000         \$50,000								
Accidental Death & Dismemberment.         \$25,000           Baggage and Personal Effects.         \$1,000           Baggage Delay.         \$200								
Part A -Travel Arrangement Benefits are provided by Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies Part B - Travel Protection Benefits are provided by United States Fire Insurance Co.*For New York Residents Only: Part A Benefits are travel arrangement benefits underwritten by United States Insurance Company.								

Conditions and Limitations

Conditions and Limitations This is a brief description of the plan available for all Taxel Protochon seles for Trips deparing January 1, 2013 and after. Certain exclusions and limitations apply and are detailed in the Certificate of Coverage. For example, coverage does not apply to: any Sickees or condition of you, a Traveling Companion or A Family Member Traveling with you that existed during the 60 days prior to the effective date of the coverage (The Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion is waived if payment for this plan is received by Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies at or before the final payment due date for Your Trip or 105 days before departure date, whichever occurs first), suicide, normal pregnancy, war or any act of war. Other Covered Reasons, as defined, includes the following events or their consequences: Cancellation or Interruption of your Trip due to: Inclement Weather, andonumous defined, includes the following events or their consequences: Cancellation or Interruption of your Trip due to: Inclement Weather, adocumented Taffic accident while en route to departure; being hijacked or quarantined; jury duty destruction of your trip due to: Inclement Weather, adocumented Taffic accident while en route to departure; being hijacked or quarantined; jury duty, destruction of your hower of estimations by fire, flood, burglary or natural disaster; a borumented. It field passports or viasa; a dealed to the emergency asvice of government to provide aid or relief in the event of a natural disaster; a documented that assayer to sasports or viasa; a the coverages, provisions, limitations and exclusions of the plan offered and is available to you, upon request, all any time prior to your purchase of the plan. This plan is underwritten by. United States Fire insurance Company, Eatontown, NJ. Benefits are administered by: Trip Male, Inc.\*, 9225 Ward Parkway, Suite 200, Kansas City, MO, 64114, 1-800-888-7292 (\*in CA, daa Trip Mate Insurance Agency).

INCLUDED IN PRICE:

NCLODED IN PRICE: Round-trip international airfare • Deluxe motorcoaches • Guided sightseeing • Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in itinerary) Breakfast & dinner daily, and most lunches • Hotel gratuities • Program fees • Administrative Fee • Fuel surcharges \$600 Government Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change) • Driver Gratuities • Accommodations as selected by Leader • Personal Listening Units for groups of 15 or more

PROGRAM CONDITIONS

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule) · Optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure

- Miscellaneous fees such as individual transfers; passports, laundry, beverages at meals & baggage fees
   \$100 Document fee for Non-US/Canadian residents
   Visa for non-US citizens

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 ACCOMMODATIONS:
 Price is per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While JCBS/ EOT will try to match roommates, JCBS/EOT cannot guarantee a roommate will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 30 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or you request a single room, the following charges apply: \$1756 during the basic tour.

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

All prices reflect a 4% discount for full payment via check.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Payment Amount	Payment Due Dates & Notes	
\$600	Due upon registration.	
\$1,200	2nd Deposit Amount. All guests must have \$1,800 on their account by 09/13/22 to be ticketed	
\$1,800	Registrations received between 09/13/22 - 10/12/22 must pay the full deposit amount and may be subject to late registration fees.	
Full Payment	Final Payment is due on 10/13/22. If paid after the due date, a late payment fee of \$100 will be assessed.	
Travel Protection Amount	The Travel Protection Plan premium will be due no later than 09/13/22 to be in full effect. Travel protection premiums must be paid in addition to our deposits and in advance of the final payment for coverage to be in effect.	

### **REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED later than September 13, 2022:**

We welcome registrations after 09/13/22. Registrations received between 09/14/22 - 09/28/22 will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 09/29/22 - 10/13/22 will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received on 10/14/22 or later will incur an additional fee based on air availability. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

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STATEMENTS OF RESPONSIBILITY JCBS/EOT does not accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air schedules, hotel overbookings, other hotel related problems or causes, and/or travel supplier cancellations or postpornements. Travel suppliers include all tour operators, cruise lines, airlines, hotels, bus companies, entertainment venues, and any other travel suppliers used to operate the tour. All such losses or expenses will be the responsibility of the passenger. JCBS/EOT reserves the right to make adjustments to the timerary as deemed desirable by JCBS/EOT, JCBS/EOT will provide a refund or a future travel credit to be used two years from the date of issuance for the value of all funds paid by the passenger less nonrefundable travel supplier prepaid deposits, travel supplier change fees, nonrefundable travel protection premiums, and a \$150 administration fee.

### ABILITY TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged, those needing oxygen, wheelchairs, or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting to their experiences. If you have questions, please contact Educational Opportunities Tours Inc. for more details. JCBS/EOT reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in the sole judgment of JCBS/EOT, incapable of group travel without causing undue demands upon the staff or other tour participants. Accessible rooms/cabins are limited and subject to confirmation after receiving the passenger's written request.

Passport information must be submitted to our office no later than 09/13/22. Failure to provide your passport information to our office by this date may result in change fees or denial of travel. Discrepancies in information may result in change fees, delays in receiving travel documents for your trip, or denial of travel. Any fees incurred due to discrepancies are the responsibility of the passenger.

### PRICE INCREASES:

PRICE INCREASES: All prices quoted in this brochure are subject to change prior to payment in full due to currency fluctuations, fuel surcharge increases, government taxes and fees increases or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, you may be subject to a price increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees.

Increase after payment in full has been received due to potential government imposed taxes and fees. **AIRLINE ROUTES and TICKETS:** In order to keep prices low, JCBS/EOT does not guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. Once issued, airline tickets cannot be changed or refunded thereafter. Air transportation toffrom your destination will be economy class on IATA and ARC carries utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together on entire itinerary. If you choose to depart from a different city than your group or traveling companion, or deviate your flight and/or trip plans, and/or you are taking a pre or post tour, you may fly on a different scheduled flight(s) than the rest of your group. If you make your own air arrangements, you are responsible for booking all needed flights for your travel unless specified otherwise. Contact guest services for further details.

### FLIGHT TIMES AND SEATING:

FLIGHT TIMES AND SEATING: All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. JCBS/EOT is not responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure dity, we recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties. There is no advance seat selection for groups on most airlines. Early check-in is necessary to secure seats with travel companions and those with special needs. Due to security measures taken at airports, it is advisable to arrive at the airport three hours prior to departure time. Seating is solely under the control of the airlines.

ADDITIONAL MILLINE FEES: You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight fitnerary. Additionally, you may incur optional fees (food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.) as well. For more information, visit www.jcbs. org/travelinfo/airlinefe es.aspx.

### ON OWN DEVIATIONS:

On Own Deviations from the standard tour program must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees, if applicable. Transfers for passengers who deviate are not included.

### ITINERARY CHANGES:

ITINERARY CHANCES: Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While JCBS/EOT will make every effort to ensure you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the availability of sites, order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in altime, hotel schedules, and local conditions. No changes to the litnerary are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no other person is authorized to cancel, modify or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour. Due to airline schedules, some participants may receive one or two extra leisure days at a nominal per day charge and some extensions may not be available on all departure dates. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged \$125 per night; single rooms \$175 per night. Meals for extra nights are not included.

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Lesson or any negligent or willing act or omission of any suppliers of service. JCBS/ECT does not own or operate any of the suppliers of services to your tour. Similarly without limiting the foregoing, passenger agrees to hold JCBS/EOT harmless for any defect in any vehicle, plane, boat, bus, car, van or other vehicle, act of war or insurrection, terrorist activity, revolt or other civil uprising, military actions, strikes or labor unrest or any Act of God or for any other act of any third party. Florida law will be applicable to any dispute which arises out of/or concerns this brochure or your tour. Any and all litigation must be brought only in and for courts in Polk County, Florida to the exclusion of litigation anywhere else in the world.

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# Palmer Seminary Holy Land Study Tour December 27, 2022 to January 8, 2023

# Additional Information and Highlights of the Fine Print on the Brochure

# 1. Israel Entry Requirement

Entry requirements are subject to change. We are still many months from December 27, but it is important to know the up-to-date information on the website of Israel's Ministry of Health: <u>https://corona.health.gov.il/en/abroad/arriving-foreign-nationals/</u>. It also specifies who is considered vaccinated and who is considered recovered from COVID for entry eligibility.

# Currently (3/10/2022), these are the general requirements:

- Negative PCR test results taken 72 hours before boarding the flight to Israel
- Travel insurance with coverage for treating COVID-19
- Fill out entry statement form 48 hours before the flight to receive a green pass
- Another PCR test at Tel Aviv's Ben Gurion airport upon arrival
- Quarantine at the hotel for 24 hours or until the test results come out, whichever is sooner. If the test result is negative, we are free to move

It takes about 7 hours for the PCR test taken at Ben Gurion airport to be made available. If we arrive in Israel around mid-afternoon, we take our tests, head for the hotel, have dinner, and rest up. By the time we get up the next morning, the results will be ready and off we go.

### 2. Visa and Passport

If you hold a US or Canadian passport, you do not need a visa. Otherwise, you are responsible for obtaining a visa to Israel prior to the trip.

All passports must have an expiration date more than 6 months after our return date. So, if we return on Jan 8, your passport must expire after July 8, 2023.

If you need to apply for a new passport or renew your existing passport, start the process right away. It takes much longer for the State Department to process passport these days. Do not procrastinate if your passport is not ready to go.

Go to: https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports.html/

### 3. Pre-Registration and Registration Priority

Because of limited space (the maximum size of the group is 40), we request that you fill out this Pre-Registration Form to let us know you are seriously interested in joining us, before we provide the information to register online for the tour. A spot is guaranteed only with a paid initial deposit of \$600.

# Pre-Registration Google Form:

# https://forms.gle/doByXfgVC651nBor7

(click on this link, preferably with your web browser already open)

For Palmer's Holy Land Study Tour, priority goes to Palmer Seminary and Eastern University students/faculty/staff/alumni and their traveling companion with whom to share a room for double occupancy. If there is space, we also welcome other family members or church friends.

# 4. Payment Schedule for Trip Cost

(a) \$600 initial deposit due upon online registration to hold a spot on the tour
(b) \$1200 second payment due on 9/13/2022 so that your account has a total of \$1800 for the plane ticketing
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Registrations after 9/13/22 will incur a late registration fee of \$100 between 9/14-9/28 and \$200 between 9/29 and 10/13.

# 5. Payment Method (Important!!)

The prices on the brochure are \*\*cash prices\*\* with a built in 4% discount. We may pay the first \$600 via credit card, but beyond that, any additional credit card payments, even for \$1 more, would incur a 4% surcharge on the \*entire\* trip cost.

Therefore, for the 9/13/22 and 10/13/22 payments, it is cheaper to mail a check, or better, pay online by electronic fund transfer with the bank routing number and your checking account number.

Paying by EFT is fast, reliable, with no service charge.

# 6. Travel Insurance

Under normal circumstances, travel insurance is optional.

If Israel requires insurance coverage even to enter the country, then we have to have travel insurance. *But, again, entry requirements are subject to change. So you can make that decision around August or early September.* 

EO Tours offers a Trip Protection Plan through TripMate for \$499, but you may also buy your own travel insurance, as long as you are able to show coverage at the airport when you enter the country, if that is still required in December.

The TripMate premium is due in full on 9/13/22 for the coverage to be effective. See the details on p.4 of the brochure, or go to <u>www.tripmate.com/wpF427E</u>

# 7. All-inclusive vs. Ground-only

The main difference between all-inclusive (\$4850) and ground-only (\$3104) is the plane ticket. Almost all participants sign up for the all-inclusive package, so that our plane tickets are purchased at the same time, on the same flight, departing from Philadelphia, through our tour company, Educational Opportunities Tours. Because the plane tickets are bought as a batch, they are unchangeable and non-refundable once issued. The itinerary will be released 2-4 weeks before departure.

Those who opt for ground-only is responsible for getting themselves to Tel Aviv and meeting up with the big group, whether at the airport or at the first night's hotel. If there is any delay or interruption, the group cannot wait and the ground-only traveler will have to catch up with the group wherever the others may be at his or her own expense.

# 8. Roommate and Single Supplement

If you already have a roommate to go on the trip together, you don't have to worry about this. If you are coming by yourself, we will pair you up with an appropriate roommate. If you want a room to yourself the entire time, you will have to pay a single supplement of \$1756, which is very costly. It is highly recommended that you recruit someone to come with you.

# 9. Cancellations

The Travel Protection Program will cover all cancellation fees if premium has been paid and the reason for cancellation is coverable.

If you cancel before 9/13/22 after paying \$600 initial deposit, you will be charged \$100 non-refundable fee, so you get \$500 back.

Any cancellation after 9/13/22 will lead to increasingly steep cancellation penalties the closer you are to the departure date. The cancellation fees are listed on p.4 of the brochure.

So, in general, if you must cancel, cancel before 9/13/22.

# 10. Physical Fitness for Traveling in Israel

This is important. On p.4 of the brochure is this statement printed in boldface:

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sights are not accessible to the physically challenged, those needing oxygen, wheelchairs, or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting to their experiences. JCBS/EOT reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in the sole judgment of JCBS/EOT, incapable of group travel without causing undue demands upon the staff or other tour participants. Accessible rooms/cabins are limited and subject to confirmation after receiving the passenger's written request.

Simply put, there is quite a lot of walking each day, sometimes on bumpy terrain, at others, up and down many steps and slopes. We are, after all, visiting quite a few archaeological sites. For the group to move smoothly and expeditiously through the itinerary, all participants need to keep up with the pace – which is reasonable, but not too too too slow. If you are not sure, please talk with Diane (<u>dchen@eastern.edu</u>) or Debbie (<u>dwatson2@eastern.edu</u>) and we can assess your concerns.

# 11. Academic credit for students

Current Eastern University and Palmer Seminary students may go on this tour and sign up for Spring 2023 BIBL 640 (3 credits) with Dr. Debbie Watson to fulfill an elective or a Master of Theological Studies summative project requirement. Tuition is in addition to the trip cost.

The Jerusalem Center for Biblical Studies issues a certificate for 3 continuing education units to all participants, whether you need the CEUs or not.

# 12. Read the fine print and 2 upcoming Zoom info sessions

The rest of the fine print contains standard boiler plate stipulations from the tour company. Please take some time to read p.4 of the brochure before you commit. Note what is included and what is not in the prices. Please email Diane (<u>dchen@eastern.edu</u>) if you have any questions.

We have planned **two Zoom information sessions** to share some personal takeaways about this trip, and to field any questions you may have:

# (a) March 26, 2022, Saturday, 9-10 am

# (b) April 2, 2022, Saturday, 9-10 am

Please email Diane (<u>dchen@eastern.edu</u>) that you'd like to come to either of these Zoom information sessions, and we will email you the Zoom link a few days prior to the meeting.